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1. U.S. Patent No. US 2001/0044631 A1, dated November 22, 2001, issued to Akin et al.; and
2. International Publication No. WO 99/45852, published September 16, 1999.

Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references.

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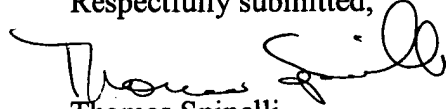
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Respectfully submitted,

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